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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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**FOR FURTHER ACTION**  
See paragraph 2 below

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### 1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

### 2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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### 3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
  - ☐ a translation of the international application into , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b)).
2. ☐ This opinion has been established taking into account the **rectification of an obvious mistake** authorized by or notified to this Authority under Rule 91 (Rule 43bis.1(a))
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:
    - ☐ a sequence listing
    - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:
    - ☐ on paper
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  - c. time of filing/furnishing:
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    - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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5. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43*bis*.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	<u>3,7-15,19,20</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1,2,4-6,16-18</u>
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	<u>3,7-15,19,20</u>
	No: Claims	<u>1,2,4-6,16-18</u>
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	<u>1-20</u>
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

**Re Item V.**

- 1 Reference is made to the following documents:  
D1: FR-A-1 354 965 (SEMIAC) 13 March 1964 (1964-03-13)  
D2: WO 01/76764 A (CHROBAK JULIUS [SK]) 18 October 2001 (2001-10-18)  
D3: US-A-5 860 598 (CRUZ LUIS R [AR]) 19 January 1999 (1999-01-19)  
D4: US 2004/222317 A1 (HUFFMAN DAVID C [US]) 11 November 2004  
D5: US-A-5 252 298 (JONES DALE G [US]) 12 October 1993 (1993-10-12)  
D6: US 2006/102749 A1 (CRABTREE DENNIS W [US] ET AL) 18 May 2006 (2006-05-18)

**2 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 AND 16**

- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1 and 16 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.  
Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

An apparatus and method for generating a mist, comprising:  
an elongate hollow body (2); and  
an elongate member (7) located within the body such that a first transport fluid passage and a nozzle are defined between the body and the elongate member, the first transport fluid passage having a convergent-divergent internal geometry (fig. 1) and being in fluid communication with the nozzle;  
wherein the elongate member (7) includes a working fluid passage (fig. 2) and one or more communicating bores (8) extending radially outwardly from the working fluid passage, the bores allowing fluid communication between the working fluid passage and the first transport fluid passage.

**3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2, 4-6, 17, 18**

Dependent claims 2, 4-6, 17, 18 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).



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**4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 3, 7-15, 19, 20**

The combination of the features of dependent claims 3, 7-15, 19, 20 are neither known from, nor rendered obvious by, the available prior art. The reasons are as follows: none of the documents cited in the search report disclose or suggest the features in claims 3, 7-15, 19, 20.